

## INTERSTATE 69, SIU 15 US Highway 171 to Interstate Highway 20

### Final Environmental Impact Statement

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This project is a proposal to construct a divided four-lane, limited access highway on new location between US Highway 171 (US 171) near the Town of Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, and Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) near the Town of Haughton in Bossier Parish. A bridge would span the Red River south of Shreveport, Louisiana. The proposed highway is a portion of the planned improvements to Congressionally designated High Priority Corridor Number 18 (Corridor 18), which would link Indianapolis, Indiana to the lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas. The routing and logical termini are identified and described in the Corridor 18 Special Issues Study (1997) and in the I-69 (Corridor 18) Special Environmental Study, Task C Report - Sections of Independent Utility (SIU) report (1999) for SIU 15. The proposed highway would be approximately 35 miles in length through Bossier, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana. Several alternatives were considered including the No-Action alternative.

Comments on this EIS are due by OCT 7 2013  
and should be sent to:

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